

NAVY LEAGUE TRYING TO PREPARE FOR WAR

Ask Daughters of American Revolution to Join.

WANT A GOOD FORCE

Preparedness for War Best Means of Preserving Peace.

One of the leading officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, when approached by a Navy league representative who asked the Daughters' position in relation to the questions of national defense, replied that they were "neutral, but in case of war, as a patriotic society, would co-operate with the government."

It was inferred that the propaganda of the ultra-pacifists and disarmament advocates had led this great patriotic society to take a noncommittal attitude in relation to the strengthening of the army and navy. The Navy league, therefore, addressed the following letter to the organization:

"It has been suggested to the Navy league leaders that the Daughters of the American Revolution, the largest patriotic society of America, would be glad to consider sharing in the patriotic work of interesting the American people in the needs of the army and the navy. As believers in the peace of righteousness, you doubtless share the conviction of the vast majority of American people that Washington's words, 'To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace,' are as true today as they were in the days of '76."

"Of course, in the crisis of war, your splendid organization would do what you could to alleviate suffering and support a just cause, but such co-operation coming at that time would be almost worthless, for it would come too late. If war threatens the United States five, ten or fifteen years from now (and God forbid), now is the time to prepare for that war. It takes three years to build a dreadnought and many years to make efficient naval officers and seamen; it takes several months to make a 14-inch gun, and from three to five years to make an efficient seaman-gunner. It takes years to train efficient army officers and soldiers, and years to build fortifications, artillery and siege guns."

"Ex-President Taft, Vice President Marshall, ex-Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy, ex-Secretary Meyer, Congressman Gardner and Congressman Mann have recently announced their sincere convictions that world conditions and the cause of peace demand the immediate strengthening of our army and navy. These men have the same patriotic impulses and motives as had the patriots of the American revolution, Washington, Warren, John Paul Jones and John Barry, and others. These men are good men, but they were not patriots; the men in congress, who six months before the civil war, tried to abolish the navy and actually succeeded in practically abolishing about disarmament, were doubtless good men, but they were not patriots. The ultra-pacifists of today, who are calling for disarmament, are likewise good men, but they can hardly be called patriots. The fact of it is, the secretaries of war and the secretary of the navy can not put through their plans for the needed and proper strengthening of the army and navy unless the masses of the people and the Daughters of the American Revolution give them their active support."

"It has been said that the army's efficiency could be increased 60 per cent with a saving of 30 per cent if the conscription of army posts, doing away with political posts, were brought about. This needed reform will not be brought about by act of congress until the people of the country study the needs of the army and give needed support to the recommendations of secretaries of war and the general staff of the army. Similar economies can be effected in the navy with a view to increased strength and efficiency, but will not be brought about until the American people as a whole give the matter their consideration."

"It is a great thing to honor the heroes of the American revolution, but men of the type of Admiral Fletcher and General Wood are equally deserving of immediate patriotic recognition. The recognition that they desire is not monuments and tablets, but the earnest consideration of the entire American people of their recommendations for increased strength and efficiency of the army and navy, so that the United States may be in a position to keep from her shores any possible military opponent and to defend American policies in the Western Hemisphere."

"The definite object in writing to you is to suggest that the various chapters of your organization take up the study of national defense and the needs of the army and the navy; and secondly to suggest that should any of your chapters desire to have speakers appear before them to talk on the needs of national defense, the league will, in many instances, be able to provide such speakers. Among our speakers are many prominent men."

"The Navy league is not a society for the promotion of war, but a society for the promotion of peace, and in endeavoring to interest the Daughters of the American Revolution in the problems of national defense, our only object is the peace and welfare of our beloved republic and the cause of self-government in the Western Hemisphere, for which the United States has the largest degree of responsibility."

AUTHOR OF "MOTHER BOOKS" HAS CHILDREN.



MRS. DOROTHY CONFIELD FISHER AND HER CHILDREN, "BABY JIM" AND "SISTER SALLIE."

Special Correspondence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Dorothy Confield Fisher is the author of several good books, and author of two charming children, so in her recently published books, "Mothers and Children" and "A Montessori Mother," she writes with the sympathy and conviction of a mother as well as the forcefulness of a literary expert.

Mrs. Confield Fisher spent two years in Rome studying the Montessori method of education and it was during that time she wrote "The Montessori Mother."

A WOMAN'S WAY.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Mayor Carter H. Harrison, who recently said his candidacy for re-election was contingent upon obtaining his wife's permission to make the race, announced today she had consented to his becoming a candidate.

Mayor Harrison is concluding his fifth term. His father, Carter H. Harrison, sr., also served five terms.

Tulsa Man is Leading Over 2 Candidates

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members in the legislature, and they will not cut much ice in the special election, and this something is going to be guided largely by what the governor-elect does.

However it is history that the speaker is always elected at least two days before the legislature convenes, so something definite is likely to happen Saturday, and this something is going to be guided largely by what the governor-elect does. And in the meantime—Wash Hudson is right on the job, taking advantage of every change in sentiment and grabbing every vote that he can. The old five-story India Temple building at Second and Broadway will again be the scene of the legislature's activities. The house will meet on one floor and the senate on the floor above. The seats, desks, and other furnishings have been remodeled in many respects and everything is in readiness for the big show.

TOM DUCKETT HOST AT N. Y. STAG PARTY

Cards and Refreshment Occupied Much of Time Before Year of 1915.

Tom Duckett and Don Swindler entertained a party of their intimate friends at a stag party given at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duckett, 408 South Frisco, Thursday evening. In keeping with the season, the home was decorated in red and green. The early part of the evening was spent at cards and other games.

Funch was served throughout the evening after which luncheon of hot coffee and sandwiches was served. At 11 o'clock the men retired to the home of Miss Helen Lane on South Elwood, where a party of young ladies were waiting for them. From there the gay party of youngsters proceeded to the Palace theatre, chaperoned by Mr. Harry Holbrook, where they watched the old year out and cheered the new year in.

Declaring a most enjoyable evening and wishing the hosts a happy New Year, the parties adjourned. Those present were Messrs. Walton Clinton, Ted Bynon, Tom McAllister, Joe Wolfe, Chester Fleming, Clyde Black, James Sullivan, Mich Ingram, Raymond Wiley, George Justice, Albert Twist, John Dillard, James Kennedy, Raymond George, Robert Downing, Palmer Gillespie, Del Hooker, Jay Epperson, Pat Butler, Walter Arnold, Alford Asgas, Dixie Hood, Francis Impy, George Smith, Harold Shaver, James Hatch, Dick Broach, Frank Pettus, Allen Smiley, James Nielson, Harry Holbrook, Walter Duckett, Mac Rupp, Robert LeBus, Chan Stafford, Dan Hunt, Charlie Black and Dick Haskell.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching. Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

SIGNED CONTRACTS 1915 SUGAR BEETS

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 1.—Contracts are being signed by the Amalgamated Sugar company for sugar beet crops of 1915 and the corporation announced today it would accept tonnage to its entire capacity, about 25 per cent more than that handled during 1912. The output of the four sugar factories operated by this company during 1914 at Ogden, Logan and Lewiston, Utah, and Burley, Idaho, was \$9,000,000 pounds, an increase of 25 per cent over 1913. Conditions of the sugar market as a result of the European war, with the belief that the war will continue through the growing season of 1915, and further curtail the output of Germany and Austria, are given as the reasons for the decision.

Champagne at Beer Prices.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Clocks were set back six hours in all the saloons at midnight in order to prolong the celebration of the inauguration of state-wide prohibition. The saloons sold champagne at beer prices. The bars, which were draped in black crepe, were crowded all night long.

BEQUEATH BRAINS FOR EXAMINATION

Brains of Eminent Scientists and Political Leaders Are Wanted.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Efforts to induce eminent scientists, captains of industry and political leaders to permit their brains to be examined after death will be made by members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This announcement was made today at the closing session of the sixty-sixth annual convention of the association.

Three members of the association, Dr. Edward Pickering, Harvard; Dr. Henry Skinner, Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia, and Dr. L. O. Howard, Washington, announced they contemplate bequeathing their brains to the cause of scientific investigation.

"Science has had the opportunity to study the brains of plenty of murderers," Dr. Howard declared, "but it is not often that a brain of a man really of high calibre may be compared with those of criminals or men of lower mentality."

The theory that air currents carry disease germs was disputed by Dr. A. C. Abbott, of the University of Pennsylvania.

"Bacteria quickly descend to surfaces and cling to them and ventilation or no ventilation, plays no part in their spread," he said.

E. P. Morris, of Yale, was elected president of the American Philological association at today's session.

KAISER'S MESSAGE RINGS CONFIDENCE

Next to God's Wise Guidance He Depends Upon His Army and Navy.

BERLIN (via London), Jan. 1.—Emperor William, in a New Year's message to the army and navy made public at main headquarters says:

"After five months of heavy and hot fighting we enter the new year. 'Brilliant' victories have been gained by the German army almost everywhere on the territory of the enemy. Repeated attempts of our opponents to swarm on German territory have failed."

"My ships have covered themselves with glory on every sea and the crews have proved not only that they know how to fight victoriously, but to die like heroes when overwhelmed by superior forces."

"Behind the army and the fleet the entire nation stands in unexampled harmony, prepared to sacrifice its heart's blood for the sacred domestic hearth which we are defending against outrageous invasion. Although the times may be serious and the task before us a heavy one we look forward into the future with the firmest confidence."

"Next to God's wise guidance, I trust to the matchless bravery of the army and navy and know myself to be as one with the entire German nation. Therefore, let us face the new year unflinchingly, looking forward to new deeds and new victories for our beloved fatherland."

(Signed) WILHELM."

REAL PROHIBITION NOW IN PETROGRAD

Stopping of Sales of Wine Ruins the Business of Many Cafes.

PETROGRAD, via London, Jan. 1.—(7:35 a. m.)—The last appeal against Russia's prohibition decree failed Thursday when the councils of Petrograd and Moscow rejected a petition to authorize the recommencement of the sale of beer and light wines.

The recent final order to discontinue the sale of all alcoholic drinks was issued with the reservation that the city councils should have the right to appeal for an authorization of the recommencement of the sale of 3 per cent beer and light wines.

The final prohibition order was issued so unexpectedly that there was no opportunity to provide a stock against the coming period of abstinence. Between 6 and 8 o'clock in the evening the merchants received instructions that next day there would be absolute prohibition, and hence there was no chance to give warning.

to eager customers who, on a prior false alarm, lined the streets for hours awaiting their turn to squeeze into the crowded wine shops. The formerly popular restaurants, which managed to weather the vodka edict, are now almost without patronage.

NEGROES ATTEMPT TO LYNCH A BLACK

CHARLESTON, Mo., Jan. 1.—A gang of negro levee workmen attempted to lynch Andrew Wiggins, one of their number, here today because he had stabbed the foreman, William Dodson, a white man. A passing train crew interfered and saved the negro after the gang had placed a rope around his neck preparatory to hanging him.

Tonight Dodson is in a critical condition. Wiggins, with gunshot wounds in the arms and head received while resisting arrest, is in jail.

London Thinks Our Mote Just A Little Unfair

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friendly. —But this position is determined absolutely by the fact that England has that command of the sea and "cannot surrender her right to use it for the defeat of the enemy by any means sanctioned under international law."

Criticizes Plan.
The nation says:
"We confess to feeling some regret as to the form of America's note. We wish it had been somewhat differently expressed and despatched in accordance with the accustomed way — we will not say of diplomacy, but of friendly correspondence."

"There are two ways of conducting a controversy of public interest. A man may give his correspondent the sole benefit of his mind or he may turn a missile into a missile by despatching one copy of it to the press at or before the hour of its receipt by the persons immediately concerned. It appears that the state department of America chose the latter course, but there is no call to turn an error of fact into one of substance."

"For the rest, there is no deeply serious cause for complaint. It was inevitable that a nation not at war should fall to understand the difficulties of one who is, especially when the interests of belligerent and neutral are in conflict."

The nation says the war, to some extent, is one of economic exhaustion, but more one of ammunition, which it declares already is approaching the period of deterioration. The allies, it adds, think it essential to prevent materials of war, especially copper and anthracite, from reaching the German army, but that the right of search is not the perfect instrument for this, as it implies the overhauling of cargoes and the detention, delay and deterioration of perishable goods."

A Mutual Duty.
It adds that if the United States is hostile on the merits of the war the process must appear to be an unmitigated nuisance, but if the United States, on the whole, sympathizes with the allies, she must be conscious of a divided mind. She has her own trade interests to consider, it declares, and also is interested in bringing the war to an end and to a right end.

The nation complains of false man-

The Central National Bank

Calls Attention to Its Christmas Savings Club

Suggesting to all those who are interested in Savings that this is a good opportunity to prepare for your Christmas shopping.

Remember, that it does not take a large sum of money to enter this club, but that the deposits required are small; that there is no mystery about it; that it is all perfectly plain and easy to understand; that the results are very gratifying to the depositor, and that the institution offering these facilities has a splendid record for satisfactory service in all its departments.

Do not delay this matter but make your initial deposit at once. Do not put off until tomorrow what you should do today.

The Central National Bank

Candy Sale

Saturday Only

Cherries or Cream Brazils; worth up to \$1.00, 50c and 60c a pound, for, per pound 39c

Saturday and Sunday

Pound boxes of Assorted Chocolates or Martinique Cherries or Cream Brazils; worth up to \$1.00; Saturday and Sunday only 39c

The Rexall Store

GETMAN & CAMPBELL.

Beginning Sunday, January 3, there will be no delivery of ice on Sunday in the residence section of the city and only one morning delivery in the business section, during the winter months.

THE PEOPLES ICE COMPANY.
THE TULSA ICE COMPANY.

SCARBOROUGH MOVIE THEATRE WRECKED BY GERMAN SHELLS.



The German Shells Put This "Movie" Theatre at Scarborough Strictly on the Burn. English Soldiers Marching Past the Devastated Grand Picture Palace the Afternoon of the Bombardment.

is the real test of the relationship of great friendly countries under stress of a world-wide war. Granted we have annoyed American traders by making contraband some of their southern products as well as by our embargo on the export of rubber and wool, it is for us to show that there has been reasonable consideration for fair trading and for America to show that there has been proper policing of unfair traffic for high profits. Speculative shippers of all countries rush into such ventures in times of war, but they are mere dealers in international mischief and the special plagues of their own governments. There is no cause for Anglo-American friction."